

SCAG UPDATE



July 10, 2012

SCAG Reorganization

At the beginning of the new fiscal year, on July 1st, the Southern California Association of Governments will be undergoing some internal changes. Central among them is the appointment of Sharon Neely as Chief Deputy Executive Director. Ms. Neely will be responsible for all day-to-day operations of the Association.

To align the functions of the planning departments more closely with the adopted goals of the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) and priorities of the next fiscal year, several departments have been redefined, effective July 1. The result has been the formation of the following new departments: Transit/Rail, Sustainability and Active Transportation.



Chief Deputy Executive Director
Sharon Neely

"During the public hearings for the Draft 2012-2035 RTP/SCS, we heard many testimonies from local citizens and elected officials on the need to increase bike infrastructure investments and improve safety for bicyclists and pedestrians," said Hasan Ikhrata, Executive Director. "By creating a formal Active Transportation department, we are shifting roles to implement our landmark long-range plan and better meet the needs of our stakeholders."

SCAG's 2012-2035 RTP/SCS invests \$6.7 billion towards increasing bikeways, bringing sidewalks into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, safety improvements and other active transportation strategies. In April 2012, SCAG's Regional Council adopted a motion on several follow-up actions upon approval of the RTP/SCS. The actions, supported by several public health and transportation organizations, include providing technical assistance in planning, data collection and modeling for active transportation plans, as well as prioritizing investments in zero or near-zero goods movement systems and developing meaningful health and equity performance measures to better understand health outcomes from implementation of the SCS.

Regional Housing Needs Assessment Appeals Board to Hold Public Hearings

The Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Appeals Board will conduct public hearings July 12-13 to hear appeals to the Draft RHNA Allocation Plan. Approved by SCAG's Regional Council on February 2, the Draft RHNA Allocation Plan is mandated by State Housing Law and quantifies future affordable and market-rate housing needs for each city/jurisdiction from the years 2013 to 2021. These public hearings provide an opportunity for jurisdictions that filed appeals to the Draft RHNA Allocation Plan to provide testimony before the RHNA Appeals Board. The hearings will take place at SCAG's main office, 818 W. 7th Street, 12th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017, Thursday, July 12 at 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., and 12:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Friday, July 13 at

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Toolbox Tuesdays Hands-On with New Statistics Tool

This month's Toolbox Tuesday features a hands-on session with *On the Map*, a powerful (and free) online tool that a jurisdiction can use to obtain and analyze employment data for their region/county, city, and even individual projects. The US Census Bureau and the Bureau of Labor Statistics developed *On the Map* for disseminating, understanding, and displaying employment data for small user-defined areas. Join SCAG's Compass Blueprint staff on Tuesday, July 31, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., for this special interactive seminar. The guest speaker will discuss the types of available data and its relevance for local planning, followed-by a hands-on tutorial in using the *On the Map* program to obtain data for each participant's jurisdiction.



The final part of the session will walk participants through the process of analyzing data from the program for a variety of local planning projects, covering topics such as jobs-housing balance, environmental clearance, and strengths/weaknesses of the local economy.

Due to the limited space, registration is limited to the first 16 registrants. Toolbox Tuesdays are FREE and held at SCAG's Main Office, 818 W. 7th St., 12th floor, in Downtown Los Angeles. For more information, [click here](#).

SCAG at Upcoming REOMAC Commercial Luncheon

SCAG Program Manager Ping Chang will be participating in a program on Thursday, July 19, 11:30 a.m., at the Jonathan Club in downtown Los Angeles. Hosted by REOMAC, a non-profit trade association serving the mortgage default servicing industry, the luncheon will include speakers on the future of redevelopment agencies and affordable housing and complying with the Los Angeles Rent Stabilization Ordinance. The cost for REOMAC members is \$75; \$95 for non-members. For more information, please visit www.reomac.org/event-registration.

EVENTS

JULY

12th & 13th [Public Hearing: Appeals of Draft RHNA](#)

19th & 26th [Public Hearing: Draft 2013 FTIP](#)

AUGUST

SCAG Regional Council & Policy Committees will be dark in August. The next meeting is scheduled for September 6, 2012.

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